



New jobs and important new metals technology will result from efforts by Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (OH-9) to attract U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) investment at Ottawa County's Brush Wellman complex. The County's largest employer received important help from the congresswoman in attracting over \$70 million dollars from the DoD to construct a new state of the art beryllium processing plant that will insure the lightweight strategic metal remains available for important national defense uses for decades to come.

Kaptur has long been a leader in congressional efforts to insure that defense readiness in the area of strategic metals remains a top DoD priority. "It takes a consciousness to build and maintain a great nation," Kaptur said at dedication ceremonies in Elmore, Ohio. "We are all soldiers in that cause."

Noting efforts by foreign nations to supplant U.S. domestic production of important strategic materials, the congresswoman called on the ingenuity of local residents and private sector leadership to expand regional capability in strategic metals.

As a senior member of the powerful Defense Appropriations Subcommittee in the House of Representatives, Kaptur was instrumental in directing the funding which will result in retention of over 100 jobs and the creation of dozens of new jobs in Ottawa County.

Brush Engineered Materials CEO Richard Hipple acknowledged the importance of the public private partnership to build a new facility in remarks at the plant's dedication. "This is an important partnership between Brush Wellman and the Department of Defense. We have had an incredible local support from Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, the Ottawa County Commissioners and others," said Hipple.

The new \$90 million Tiny Pebbles Plant in Elmore will bring about new jobs and retain existing employment in the county, hard hit by the global economic recession. With raw material from Utah which contains 1% beryllium, the new plant will refine the materials into beryllium

pebbles for use in production of beryllium metals and alloys for use in defense and for sale directly to private sector consumers.

In addition to defense uses, beryllium products have been used in multiple products including airbags, mirrors, and satellites. Most recently Brush Wellman supplied the materials needed for the mirrors on NASA's James Webb Space Telescope.